

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2647
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LAPSES IN POST QUAKE OPERATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether lapses have been reported in dealing with the post-quake situation in handling in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures proposed to guard against such incidents;
- (d) the details of Non-Government Organisation which have risen to the occasion to help the victims;
- (e) whether any action plan has been prepared to fore-warn the people of earthquake prone zones in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

- (a) to (c): No report in this regard has been received from the State Government which has taken all necessary measures.
- (d): The State Government has informed that several Non-Governmental Organisations both national and inter national have assisted them in relief and rehabilitation activities including voluntary agencies.
- (e) & (f): There is no scientific technique available to forecast the occurrence of earthquakes with reasonable degree of accuracy with regard to space, time and magnitude. However, the Central Government have requested all the States/U.Ts. in seismic Zone IV & V to update their Contingency Action Plan and take measures with emphasis on preparedness and public awareness.